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Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2011, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-sixth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 33rd, 37th and 38th meetings, on 10 May, 30 May and 12 June 2012. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/66/SR.33, 37 and 38).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 (A/66/577);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 (A/66/673);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General on financing arrangements for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012 (A/66/777);

(d) Related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/66/718/Add.7 and 20).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.56

4. At its 38th meeting, on 12 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo" (A/C.5/66/L.56), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Ghana.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/66/L.56 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,[1] the note by the Secretary-General on financing arrangements for the Mission,[2] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,

Recalling also its resolution 53/241 of 28 July 1999 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 65/300 of 30 June 2011,

Acknowledging the complexity of the Mission,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolution of the Security Council,

Mindful also of the need to ensure coordination and cooperation with the European Union Rule of Law Mission in Kosovo,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011 and 66/___ of ___ June 2012, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo as at 30 April 2012, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 39.5 million United States dollars, representing some 1 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only ninety-six Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

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[1] A/66/577 and A/66/673.

[2] A/66/777.

[3] A/66/718/Add.7 and 20.

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

8. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

9. *Takes note* of paragraph 25 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4] and decides to maintain the Reporting Officer post in the Office for Community Support and Facilitation as an international P-2 post;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289 and 66/___;

11. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011

12. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011;[5]

Financing arrangements for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012

13. *Further takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General on the financing arrangements for the Mission for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012;[2]

14. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo the amount of 3,385,300 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2011 to 30 June 2012, in addition to the amount of 47,802,200 dollars previously appropriated for the Mission for the same period under the terms of its resolution 65/300, inclusive of

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[4] A/66/718/Add.7.

[5] A/66/577.

44,914,800 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 2,446,700 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 440,700 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

15. *Also decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo the amount of 49,022,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013, inclusive of 46,963,000 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 1,952,500 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 106,600 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

16. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 49,022,100 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009, and for 2013;[6]

17. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 4,004,700 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 3,767,500 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 195,800 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 41,400 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

18. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 16 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 1,508,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2011, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 64/249, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2011, as set out in Assembly resolution 64/248;

19. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 1,508,900 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2011, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 18 above;

20. *Decides* that the increase of 47,000 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2011 shall be added to the credits from the amount of 1,508,900 dollars referred to in paragraphs 18 and 19 above;

21. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

[6] To be adopted by the General Assembly.

22. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

23. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

24. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo".